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Stinkweed

BY T. B. R. HENDERSON, B.S.A.

(Continued from last week.)

METHODS OF ERADICATION

Owing to the difficulty in exterminating this pest, and the expense incurred thereby, farms in some parts of the west have been rendered almost valueless on account of its presence. Some farmers who have had experience say that on badly infested farms the cost of eradication is more than four times the value of the land, and claim further that if it once gets established it cannot be completely exterminated—the only way to keep it in check being to seed down. For these reasons every precaution should be taken to keep the soil free from it. Close attention should be given any portion of the farm where Stinkweed has been found, and careful, persistent work will be required to eradicate it. It should not be forgotten that it will pay to drop all other work and fight this weed when it is first noticed.

The plant, being an annual, is reproduced only by its seed, and any method of cultivation that will cause the seed to germinate and destroy the plant before it matures will eventually eradicate it. Never allow a plant to mature.

If the land is not badly infested all the plants should be hand pulled and burned. On badly infested fields this method will be impracticable and the farmer will have to resort to other methods of eradication.

I.—FALL CULTIVATION

As soon as the crop is harvested the land should be disked and harrowed, but not plowed. If plowed, the weed seeds will be covered deeply and will not germinate until they are again brought to the surface. Disking and harrowing will cause many of the seeds to germinate, and a subsequent disking and harrowing will kill the plants.

II.—SPRING CULTIVATION

If the land has not been cultivated in the fall the stubble should be burned off in the spring. This destroys many seeds and renders the land more easily cultivated. When the stubble is burned off care should be taken to prevent prairie fires by plowing around the field. Disk as early as possible, then harrow. This will kill the plants that have lived over the winter and encourage many seeds to germinate. When the small plants are just appearing through the ground it should be again disked and harrowed. This process should be repeated until about the beginning of June, when the ground can be plowed if so desired. The plowing should be followed by a sub-surface packer, and then harrowed, but if no packer is available a heavy harrow should be put on immediately at the close of each day or half day to retain the moisture. Subsequent harrowings can be arranged to kill the weeds and conserve moisture.

Where it is necessary to obtain a crop an early maturing variety of barley can be sown. Barley seed is preferred as it matures earlier than the bearded varieties, and in most cases before many noxious weeds. It is safe to sow barley in Northern Alberta as late as the middle of June. When the barley is four inches high it should be harrowed. Any spring or fall grain crop is greatly benefited by harrowing when it has reached this height. A weeder or a smoothing harrow with sloping teeth is best for this purpose, but if these implements cannot be procured the farmer should not hesitate to use an ordinary

Sheep Shearing Contest

200 Sheep Sheared in Nine Hours

Calgary, May 31.—Many people throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan are manifesting an interest in the sheep shearing contest to take place at the Alberta Provincial Exhibition in Calgary, and judging by the letters reaching Manager Richardson's office from time to time in this regard, there seems to be a wrong impression as to the time and date, and at upon which the contest will be held. At the Exhibition grounds, from 11 to 12 o'clock a.m., and from 1 to 2 o'clock p.m., July 9th, Messrs. O'Brien and Dickson of Sheridan, Wyoming, will hold the contest which will really be an exhibition of the use of machinery in the shearing of sheep. O'Brien and Dickson are sheep shearing experts, the latter holding the record. He sheared 200 sheep in nine hours. At the Alberta Provincial Exhibition, the sheep which are the hardest to shear will be selected, and \$25 will be given by the Wyoming sheepmen to anyone supplying a sheep that it is impossible to shear by machinery.

straight-toothed harrow. This will not only destroy many weeds that have sprouted, but will also encourage the growth of the crop by preventing the evaporation of moisture. In the Red River Valley where Stinkweed is abundant farmers have been able to produce at least ten bushels of wheat per acre on land that has been harrowed then on land not so cultivated. This has been accomplished by killing the weeds and thus giving the crop a chance to grow. Where the grain has been drilled in it is best to harrow the same way as the drills run. This work, of course, should be done when the land is not too wet but in proper condition for harrowing. If grain is harrowed before it is three inches high some of the plants are liable to be buried and if the soil is too wet the grain will be pulled out in the operation. A single harrowing will destroy a large number of weeds, but if possible the operation should be repeated two or three times or until the crop is from six to ten inches high. If there are a large number of Stinkweed left they should be hand pulled but if there is a large number, the crop ought to be cut for green feed before the Stinkweed matures. Usually, however, it will be found that the growth of barley having once got the start, will tend to choke out many plants of Stinkweed that may come up afterwards.

III.—SUMMER CULTIVATION

Where fall wheat is grown the above method of disking and harrowing at frequent intervals during the summer should be continued till it is time to plow. For fall wheat the land should be plowed about the last week in June, then disked and harrowed at intervals of two weeks or as frequently as possible until the wheat is sown. This will destroy any weed seeds that have been brought to the surface in plowing.

Where summer following is practiced the plowing should be done before the seed pods develop. It is a well known fact that if full sized pods, even though green, are plowed down the seeds will mature sufficiently to germinate. If full size pods have been allowed to develop the weeds should be moved and burned before the plowing is done, but it is much better to cultivate early and destroy these plants when young. Summer following, properly done, is un-

Lightning Struck Powder Magazine

Over Ton of Explosives Went Off and 1,000 Projectiles Were Scattered About

London, June 8.—A dispatch received here from Cracow, in Austrian Poland says, that five hundred persons were wounded by the explosion of an army powder magazine there on Saturday night.

Three soldiers were killed, forty houses were wrecked, and hundreds of other houses damaged and many of the wounded are seriously hurt. The magazine which was situated near the railroad station was struck by lightning and exploded.

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doubtedly the best method of eradicating weeds. Some farmers have been successful in eradicating Stinkweed by summer following for two years in succession. The method followed is to start by disking and harrowing the surface the first spring, to germinate and destroy the seeds on the surface. This should be accomplished in three or four weeks. Then plow very shallow, not deeper than two and a half or three inches. This will bring a fresh supply of seeds to the surface, which can be destroyed by disking and harrowing. Then plow again to a depth of three or four inches to bring another supply of seeds to the surface. Germinate and destroy these, and so on until all of the seeds have been brought to the surface. If no plants are allowed to mature their seeds this method should prove successful.

If the area infested is so large that it all cannot be handled at the same time an excellent plan is to seed a portion with bromine grass, 15 lbs. to the acre; western rye grass 15 lbs. to the acre, or timothy, 5 lbs. to the acre, to keep it in check until the other part of the field is cleaned. Fields that are thus seeded will require mowing occasionally during the first season to prevent the seeds ripening. The grass will generally choke out the Stinkweed after the first year. When the sod is plowed again the seeds will germinate, but these can be dealt with as indicated above.

As the seeds of Stinkweed are often distributed in grain, all grains intended for seed should be thoroughly cleaned with a fanning mill, or if the grain is fed to stock it should first be cleaned or well crushed. The seed is easily carried by threshing machines and farm implements as well as by the feet of animals and man, so that the price of a clean farm is eternal vigilance.

The methods of cultivation suggested above, although referring to Stinkweed, if followed, will be found equally efficacious in eradicating all annual, winter annual or biennial weeds, including ball mustard, common wild mustard, wormseed mustard, hare's ear mustard, tansy mustard, tumbling mustard, false flax, shepherd's purse, tumble weed, red root, rogweed, cockle, Russian thistle, blue burr, wild oats, and Russian pigweed.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1909.

July the First

A very enthusiastic meeting was
held last Friday night, under the
auspices of the Taber Board of Trade,
to take up the matter of a local cele-
bration of the coming First of July.
The project met with unanimous en-
dorsement and a general committee was
at once elected, composed of the fol-
lowing gentlemen: Messrs. R. A. Van-
Orman, chairman; Tracer, Ewing,
Douglas, Jeff, Anderson, Hammer.
Mr. Ewing was appointed chairman
of the Finance Committee; Mr.
Tracer chairman of the Advertising
Committee and Mr. R. Anderson
chairman of the Sports Committee:
these with power to select such
assistants as may be necessary.

With matters in the hands of the
above-named gentlemen, there is not
the slightest doubt that Taber will
have a celebration to be proud of.

We understand the Finance Com-
mittee has already made a partial
census of the town for subscriptions
towards the carrying out of the day's
programme and have met with very
gratifying results.

A rough draft of the programme is
somewhat as follows:—

Baseball and lacrosse games.
Foot races.
Horse Races.
Steer roping contest.
Dance and possibly fireworks.
We feel sure the general com-
mittee and every official connected
with the management of the celebra-
tion can rely upon the hearty sup-
port and co-operation of the whole
town towards making the day the
success it should be.

Don't forget to tell your friends
about it. Don't forget to tell your
friends to tell their friends about it,
and so on ad infinitum. It's going
to be a good thing, so don't feel
ashamed about it. Think about it;
speak about it; and don't forget to
mention Charley Furman's steers are
to have their necks tested in the
most approved methods of some of
the best cow-punchers of the day,
and don't forget that automobile
race.

Just remember that there are three
weeks ahead of us all to help Taber
do herself proud on this coming
First of July.

The crops along the G.T.P. line of
railway are excellent and reports
show that grain is coming along
splendidly.

Church Services

St. Theodore Church.—Morning
Prayer, 11 a.m.; Sunday School,
3 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 7.30 p.m.
Holy Communion, 11 a.m. first Sun-
day in each month and 8.30 a.m. on
third Sunday in the month.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.m.
every Sunday. Sacrament meet-
ing at 2 p.m. Sunday evening ser-
vice at 8 p.m.—Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association,
every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Primary
Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.
Knox Church—Morning Service,
11 a.m.; Bible Class and Sunday
School, 2.30 p.m.; Evening Service,
7.30; Wednesday C.E. Prayer Meet-
ing, 8 p.m.

**Sealing Treaty
Made by Japan**

**Agreement with Russia is Now
Being Negotiated—Another
Bribery Scandal Develops in
Connection with Shipping**

That the Japanese and Russian
governments are coming to an agree-
ment regarding a treaty for the pro-
tection of fur seals in the North Pa-
cific is the report brought by the
steamer Empress of China. The
—ochi of Tokyo says: "The authori-
ties of the Russian commercial de-
partment are drafting the treaty.
Many seizures of Japanese sealers
have been made. The Japanese
schooner Yofukui Maru was recently
seized by a Russian cruiser in northern
waters for poaching on the sealing
grounds and was fined \$100. The
Miura Maru, ordered to be con-
fiscated for poaching, has appealed
to Irkutsk from the decision of the
Hakodate tribunal."

Commencing on the recent seizure
of Japanese sealers on the Alaskan
coast the Japan Mail says:

"It is virtually impossible for the
Japanese authorities to effectually re-
strain these poachers. They are the
outcome of the geographical situation,
as much as of the predatory impulses
which animate every twentieth cen-
tury humanity. But it is much to
be desired that the semblance of con-
doning their lawlessness should be
removed by the adherence of Japan
to the fishery convention which
exists between the United States,
England and Russia."

More scandals are being brought
to light in Japan, according to advices
received by the Empress of China.
An item of \$140,000 which appeared
in the last accounts of the Toyo Kisen
Kaisha an "investigation expenses" is
alleged by the Yomiuri Shimbun to
have been devoted to bribery in order
to secure the passage in the diet of
the bill for subsidizing the South
American line.

**Tarred and Feathered
Woman and Companion**

**Pennsylvania Residents Wreak
Awful Vengeance on Persons
to Whose Conduct They Object**

Pittsburg, Pa., June 8.—Taken
forcibly into a house in West Pike
township, near here, yesterday by five
men, Mollie Ridge was stripped of
clothing, covered with tar and feathers
and thrown into Pike Run, while H.
C. Wright, found in the home of the
woman, was also stripped, beaten and
thrown into the same stream.

To-day Wright and the woman ap-
peared before Justice of the Peace
McKean, of California, Pa., and made
information against J. F. Charles and
Clifford Wright, brothers of the male
victim, and Playford Wright, a
cousin. The charge is aggravated
assault and battery and malicious
mischiefs.

At midnight five persons had been
arrested in connection with the tar-
ring and feathering of the Ridge wo-
man and the beating of Wright. All
were held in \$400 bail for a hearing
before Justice McKean.

**Floods Do Great Damage in
Dakota**

Deadwood, S.D., June 8.—For the
first time since Sunday Deadwood
has telegraphic communication with
the outside world. A conservative
estimate of the flood loss in the
Blackhills is \$500,000. Both the
North-western and Burlington roads
have sustained serious losses. Neither
road has had a train into Deadwood
since Sunday and will be obliged to
bring mails by teams for several
days.

Fourteen inches of rain has fallen
in the Blackhills, breaking all re-
cords. Many mines have been forced
to suspend.

**Everybody to
Fly in Germany**

**Aerial Passenger Service Will
Commence Next Spring—Ma-
jority of Days Suitable for
Voyages**

The managing director of the
Zeppelin Airship Construction Com-
pany, Herr Colsmann, has de-
livered a lecture at Strasburg on
Count Zeppelin's future plans.

He stated that the Count intended
to establish a number of airship lines
for the regular conveyance of pas-
sengers between different towns.
Count Zeppelin has already been in
communication with various munici-
palities, and had received promises
of support from some of the most im-
portant towns in Germany.

The town council of Cologne, for
instance, is willing to invest \$25,000
in the new company for the inaugura-
tion of a line of airships which will
establish aerial communication with
Cologne and other important centres
of population. The municipality of
Duesseldorf is also willing to sub-
scribe a substantial sum towards the
capital of the new company.

In some cases regular lines of air-
ships will be established, while in
other cases pleasure cruises will take
place at regular intervals.

Herr Colsmann stated that 300
days per year are suitable for aerial
voyages. The Zeppelin airships
which will be used for this purpose
will carry a crew of six, including the
engineer, and will be capable of con-
veying twenty passengers. It is in-
tended that each voyage shall last
about seven hours, except in the case
of long-distance cruises from certain
fixed towns to other towns.

Two airships for the conveyance
of passengers will be completed by
the early spring of next year, and
two more will be ready by May.

The first regular line of airships
will be established between Dues-
seldorf and Cologne, Hanover,
Mayence, Frankfurt-on-Main, Caris-
ruhe, Stuttgart and one or two other
towns as calling stations. Other
lines of airships will be established
to connect other towns with stations
on the direct route between Dues-
seldorf and Lucerne.

Herr Colsmann added that the
German War office had promised a
subvention in support of the line con-
necting Duesdelford with Lucerne in
view of the military advantages of
establishing aerial communication in
this part of Germany.

Herr Colsmann concluded by stat-
ing that fares for aerial passengers
would be somewhat expensive at first,
owing to the heavy cost of the up-
keep of the airships. The cost would
however, naturally diminish in pro-
portion to the general development
of aerial navigation, so that in course
of time aerial voyages would no longer
be a pastime for the wealthy, but
an ordinary means of communication,
at any rate for the middle classes.

Home Mission Appointments

JUNE 13TH, 1909.

Leonard Ward—Frank Bates and
Samuel J. Francis.
Welling Ward—James Ackroyd
and Nophi Harker.
Mammoth Ward—David F. Fawns
and John H. Wall.
Grassy Lake—Thos. I. Davis and
W. D. Walton.

JUNE 20TH, 1909.

Leonard Ward—John H. Wall
and J. J. Piegras.
Magrath Ward—D. H. Bingham
and Clyde Woolley.
Mammoth Ward—Joseph Alston
and James Ackroyd.
Raymond Ward—David F. Fawns
and Zebulon Skouson.
Stirling Ward—Joseph R. Hicks
and F. B. Rolfsen.
Taber Ward—Leo Hardy and Jos.
S. Brandlee.
Welling Ward—James Meeks and
John J. Gibb.

HE ATE THE SOAP.

**Garland Would Have Swallowed It If
It Had Killed Him.**

Augustus H. Garland, who was at-
torney general under President Cleve-
land, was very fond of practical jokes
and during his term of service in the
senate frequently turned the laugh on
his colleagues. Senators Voorhees and
Vest, with whom he was very friendly,
finally determined to turn the tables.
Mr. Garland had a habit, like Voor-
hees, of munching candy, and Vest and
Voorhees made it up between them to
take advantage of his fondness for
sweets to play their trick. They had
some tempting looking chocolate car-
amels prepared, with the interior filled
with brown soap. These they took to
the senate chamber, and Voorhees
placed them on his desk. The lid being
off, when Mr. Garland snatched down
the morsel he noticed them at once.
"What have you there, Dan?" he in-
quired.

Voorhees looked up carelessly from
his writing and responded: "Carame-
ls, really yourself."
Garland needed no second invitation
and, picking up two or three, placed
one in his mouth. Sturdily he chewed
the morsel, although he was conscious
of conflict within him. This alarmed
Voorhees, who went to Vest's desk and
said:

"He's eating them, Vest! What shall
we do? The stuff will kill him sure."
Senator Vest replied that it could do
no more than make him sick. Garland
swallowed the stuff, although he was
foaming at the mouth from the soap-
suds. He related the incident after-
ward with great gusto and said he
would have swallowed it if it had
killed him.

FLY FOGS IN INDIA.

**A Plague That at Times Makes Life
Unbearable in Calcutta.**

One of the evils of Calcutta is the
plague of green flies, from which the
city suffers at certain times in the
year. The happy hunting time of these
minute insects is during the late
autumn and early winter. They are a
nuisance both in and out of the
doors. They wing their way through
all the open doors into the houses and
into every room, making life unbear-
able.

Like most insects, the little green
flies have a great affection for the
face. On occasion the inhabitants
cover their faces with handkerchiefs
to keep them off, even at a public dinner,
and to take their meals practically in
darkness, illuminated only by flick-
ering candles.

Naturally it is not at all pleasant
to sit at dinner with one's face covered
with a cloth, and the chronic fly-
plague is a serious nuisance to the
city, falling about once in ten years.

They seem to spring into existence
from nowhere. Perhaps it is almost
impossible to get rid of them, and the
flies are becoming visible. Then
suddenly the air, which a moment be-
fore was pure and clear, is full of millions
of green flies, drifting in dusty patches
and obscuring the street lamps.
Often the number of insects which
have been seen to die is so great
that little heaps of them collect inside
the lamps, while bucket loads have to
be swept up from the roads next morn-
ing—London answers.

Judging a Melon.

Is there any way for a purchaser to
tell a good melon without cutting and
tasting it? That is exactly what an
expert melon grader is expected to do.
To judge the flavor of the melon as
well as the size. The best external in-
dication is a netted (skin and netting
of similar type is a golden greenish
color, the melon being deeply ribbed
and thickly overlaid with rather coarse
gray netting, the edges of which rise
perpendicularly from the surface. The
melon should be heavy. There should
be no ragged or broken stem to indi-
cate that the melon was torn from the
vine before it was ripe enough to be
freely. If one follows these points he
is pretty sure to get the perfection of
melons produced by the quality of the
seed planted. If the good has come
from a tasteless melon the result will
be disappointing even with thorough
culture and the best care in picking
and shipping.—Baltimore American.

Bore and Critic Both.
Midnight came and still the bore re-
maind.
"Do you like music?" asked the beau-
tiful girl just to break the monotony.
"Passionately fond of it," replied the
bore. "In fact, music will always
carry me away."
She rushed over to the piano and
played several popular airs.

"You are still here," she said, turn-
ing on the stool.
"Yes," yawned the bore.
"But I thought you said music al-
ways carried you away?"
"So I did—music!"—Dundee Adver-
tiser.

The Value of a Good Memory.
If men only realized how great an
asset in life is a retentive memory
they would take care to see that their
children's were properly trained. The
simplest method consists in learning
every day a few lines by heart. None
of our faculties can be trained so eas-
ily as that of memory.—

The Pantomime.
"Pop, what is a pantomime?"
"A pantomime is a piece in which
no one speaks."
"I shouldn't think a piece with no
women in it would be interesting."

The Tactful Doctor.
A physician in a small town in north-
western Michigan got himself into a seri-
ous predicament by his inability to re-
member names and people. One day
while making out a patient's receipt his
visitor's name escaped him. Not wish-
ing to appear so forgetful, and
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AN AMERICAN HERO.

**He Used His Own Body to Stop a
Leak in a Ferryboat.**

One morning in January, when the
ice in the Hudson river ran unusual-
ly heavy, a Holoken ferryboat, slow-
ly crunched her way through the floating
logs until the thickness of the pack
choked her paddles in midriver. It was
an early morning trip, and the deck
was crowded with laboring men and
the drivers choked with teams. The
women and children standing inside
the cabin were a solid mass up to the
swinging doors. While she was gather-
ing strength for a further effort an
ocean tug sheered to avoid her, veered
a point and crashed into the side, cut-
ting her below the water line in a
great V shaped gash. A moment more
and the disabled boat careened. The
shock and fell over on her
helpless. Into the V shaped gash the
water poured a torrent. It seemed but
a question of minutes before she would
unge heading below the ice.

Within 200 yards of the boat, and
free of the heavy ice steamed the
wrecking tug Reliance of the Off-
shore Wrecking Company, and on her
deck forward stood Captain Scott.
When the ocean tug reversed her en-
gines after the collision and backed
clear of the shattered wheelhouse of
the ferry, he stepped forward, stepped
down, ran his eye along the water
line, noted in a flash every shattered
plank, climbed into the pilothouse of
the ferry, and before the wrecking
tug could catch his breath pushed
the nose of the Reliance along the rail
of the ferryboat and dropped upon the
latter's deck like a cat.

With a threat to throw overboard
any man who stirred he dropped into
the engine room, met the engineer half-
way, the ladder, compelled him to re-
turn, dragged the mattresses from
the crew's bunks, stripped off blankets
and scratched up clothes, overalls, cot-
ton waste and all before him, exam-
ining them into the great rent left by
the tug's entrance.

It was useless. Little by little the
water galled, bursting out little by
little, then on one side, only to be calmed
again and only to rush in once more.

Captain Scott stood a moment as if
undecided, ran his eye searchingly over
the engine room, saw that for his needs
it was empty, then deliberately tore
down the boiler, kicking he had so
carefully built up and before the
engineer could protest forced his own
body into the gap, with his arm outside
level with the drifting ice.

Any hour later the disabled ferry-
boat, with every soul on board, was
towed into the Holoken slip.

When they lifted the engineer from
the wreck he was unconscious and
barely alive. The water had frozen his
blood, and the boiling fog had torn the
flesh from his protruding arm from
shoulder to wrist. When the color re-
gan to creep back to his cheeks he
opened his eyes and said to the doctor
who was winding the bandages:

"Was any of these babies hurt?"
A month passed before he regained
his strength and another week before
the arm had healed so that he could
get his coat on. Then he went back to
the Reliance—Everybody's Magazine.

A Lesson In Patience.

When the eminent botanist, Profes-
sor Altman of Glasgow, was a small
boy, he had the present of a silver
bit, whereupon his mother was so
winded with questions as to what he
would do with it that she exclaimed:
"Really, you had better go to Thomas
Elliot's (a well known pharmacist) and
buy sixpence worth of patience!"
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Outraging Reason.
Little Raymond's mother had told
him that she should put him to bed if
he disobeyed her command in a cer-
tain matter. Temptation overcame
him, and when his mother proceeded
to fulfill her duty sons of anguish filled
the room.

"But, Raymond," said the mother
gently, "I told you I should punish you
in this way if you disobeyed, and
mother must keep her word, you
know."

Between muffled sobs Raymond man-
aged to say, "You haven't broken your
word, mamma, but could you change
your mind?"—Woman's Home Com-
panion.

The Tactful Doctor.
A physician in a small town in north-
western Michigan got himself into a seri-
ous predicament by his inability to re-
member names and people. One day
while making out a patient's receipt his
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LOCALS

Ice Cream, made from pure cream 50c. qt. **Taber Bakery.** 13-4f

Good general servant wanted. Apply Mrs. W. W. Douglas. 10-4f

See the Hammer Land Co. for choice improved farms at low prices.

Organ, piano case, for sale cheap, for cash. Just tuned. Apply B. W. Wright, Jeweller, Taber. 16-4f

Mrs. Ashcroft and family of Lethbridge have been spending a week in town with Nurse Ashcroft.

NOTICE.—Clothes cleaned, pressed and repaired at shop opposite the printing office. E. A. Nevers, tailor. 16-4f

The stake of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association gave a dance in the Raymond Opera House last Friday. Everybody had an enjoyable time.

Mr. J. A. Sundal, from the James Valley Bank of Huron, S.D., arrived in town last week to take up his duties at the local branch of the Bank of Hamilton.

WANTED.—A Half Section or more near Taber, on half-crop payments. Owners only apply Imperial Development Company, Ltd., Box 1740, Lethbridge. 47-4f

LOST.—One Brown Horse. Brand 5—on left hip. Weight about 14-1500lbs. Good roarer. Lost from township 13, range 17, section 18. Mr. John Bensch, Post Office, Taber, Alta. 15-24p

Mr. H. H. Schmidt from St. Cloud, Minn., was in town Saturday and gave the Free Press a business call. He intends taking up permanent residence in this district next spring.

Mr. A. T. Sundal and her son (Theodore A. Sundal, of the Hammer Land Co.) left Saturday for the Seattle Exhibition. En route they will visit different places of interest in British Columbia.

Strayed on section 32, township 10, range 15, west of 4, one Roan Gelding, eight years old, branded on left shoulder, star on forehead and left hindfoot white. Weight about 1000lbs. Owner can have same on paying expenses. A. R. Marchessault, Post Office, Taber. 17-44p

Crowd 'em along. Make no mistake; we're going to have 'em, and they are going to be good—those sports on the first of July.

The town is growing right along, yet some people can't see it.

Tennis is in full swing; incidentally the mosquito is beginning to get busy, too.

Mr. John Care will move into his residence north-east of the town shortly.

The Hammer Land Co. wants to correspond with parties wishing to sell their farms. 17-1f

Three-roomed House for sale, or will rent after June 1st. Apply to R. Farries, Taber. 11-44p

Mr. S. Ervine is erecting a commodious implement shed on his lots on Mitchell Street.

Mr. Emerson, representing the John Deere Co. of Winnipeg, spent three or four days in town last week.

Mrs. Sydney Bligh will be "at home" on Wednesday afternoon, the 16th, at her residence on Hull Ave.

Two acre lots for sale opposite the Grand Stand. Snap to cash purchaser. Apply Free Press Office. 4-4f

Wait till you see Charley Furman's steers being yanked up short by those cow-punchers on the first of July.

See D. W. Coulter, field salesman, Atlantic-Pacific Land Syndicate, at Union Hotel, Taber, if interested in buying or selling land, wholesale or retail. 3-4f

Mrs. E. L. Everitt and little son, and Mr. John B. McCullum of Hibernia, Minn., are visiting at the home of their mother, Mrs. E. C. McCullum, Hull Avenue.

Messrs. Jett & Co. have erected a new shed and office on Front Street, next to Alberta Feed Store, for the accommodation of the McCormick Implement Co. Mr. J. H. Robbins is the agent for this point.

Miss Olive Washington, Reader and Impersonator, who has studied under Prof. J. Fitzpatrick of Chicago, will render selections of Humour, Pathos and Description, also the Rhythm of Motion with Indian Clubs, in Cousins' Hall, Monday, June 14th, at 8 p.m. Admission, 25 cents. 16-24p

Ten Lots at a snap in Block 16 on the north-east corner of Probert Ave. and First St. North. These lots must be sold and we are open to offers on one or all of them. These lots are but one minute's walk from the business part of the town. For further particulars apply to Geo. T. McLeod, 411 Union Bank Building, Winnipeg, Man. 13-4f

The Nox Tasteless Liquor, Drug and Tobacco Cure

We have yet to hear of one failure to cure where a fair trial has been given. Can be given without the person knowing it; is harmless and absolutely without taste. Mother, sister or wife, you would be doing a great work by giving this remedy to some member of your family. We will mail a full month's treatment for five dollars. The Nox Drug Co., St. Catherine's, Ont. For sale at the Alberta Drug Store. 17-4f

Mr. Robert Farries and family moved out to the homestead this week.

Wait for the First of July and Taber's celebration. Best you will ever have seen.

Out chief of police is certainly doing his best to make people respect the by-law governing the cattle nuisance in town. Good for him. A cow can do a lot of damage in a garden. So can a neighbour's chickens.

Three weeks to get ready for the First of July. See that the flags and bunting are in good shape.

We understand that a boxing bout will take place in the near future at Lethbridge between Clark and Reid. Articles have been signed and forfeits are posted with the Lethbridge Herald. There will be 15 rounds.

Messrs. J. H. Holman and Ari Koolie, of Monarch, drove into town on Wednesday. They are making a tour to Burdette, by trail from the above mentioned town. They both professed themselves surprised with Taber and the district surrounding.

Taber celebration, First of July. Watch our Board of Trade get down on it. Special trains from both ways. Yes, sir, and from all over, besides.

C. A. Magrath and A. J. McLean spent a few hours in town on Wednesday evening.

Alberta Fair List

The following are the dates set by the annual convention of the Alberta Agricultural Fairs Association for the fairs to be held in Alberta in 1909:

Edmonton, June 29 and 30, July 1 and 2.
Calgary, July 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
Innisfail, July 12 and 13.
St. Albert, August 3.
Fort Saskatchewan, August 4.
Clareholm, August 3.
Macleod, August 4, 5 and 6.
Lethbridge, August 10, 11 and 12.
Oils, September 13 and 14.
Raymond, September 16 and 17.
Nanton, September 20 and 21.
Leduc, September 21.
Pincher Creek, September 22.
Dayland, September 23 and 24.
Magrath, September 23 and 24.
Sedgewick, September 24.
Lloydminster, September 27.
Cardston, September 28 and 29.
Innisfree, September 28 and 29.
Alix, September 29.
Vegreville, September 29.
Taber, September 30.
Vermilion, Sept. 30 and October 1.
Irvine, October 1.

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WORLD'S News in Brief

Theodore Barth, the German political economist and leader in the Reichstag, is dead.

C. B. Keenleyside of London, Ont., has been appointed secretary of the Saskatchewan Social and Moral Reform Association, is making Regina his headquarters.

The Endeavor Societies now encircle the world, says their founder, Rev. F. E. Clarke, D.D., of New York, in a speech at the convention in St. Andrew's Church last week.

An American lodge of Free Masons has been established in London (Eng.) recently. They number 26 and include some of the most prominent Americans in London and those longest resident there.

Lots in Prince Rupert are going for about the same price as in Vancouver. One buyer bought a double lot on the corner of First Street and Second Avenue at \$11,700, which is exactly the same as lots sold for across the corner at the Vancouver sale.

Calgary, June 8.—Applications for space for district exhibits are coming to the office of the manager of the Alberta Provincial Exhibition earlier than anticipated. Numerous places throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan have been heard from in this regard, and almost all the districts from which collective exhibits were sent to the Dominion Fair at Calgary last year, together with a goodly number of new ones, are expected to be represented. The last place to be heard from is Carstairs. The rich district surrounding that go-ahead town will have a very fine display at the big exhibition in Calgary from July 5th to 10th.

A Statesman's Confessions.
For all his caustic wit Thomas B. Reed of Maine was as tender of heart as a large of fra. He was not much of a hunter. "I never shot but one bird in my life," he once confessed. "I spent a whole day doing that. It was a sandpiper. I chased him for hours up and down a mill stream. When at last I potted him and held him up by one of his poor little legs, I never felt more ashamed of myself in all my life. I hid him in my coat pocket for fear somebody would see how big I was and how small the victim, and I never will be guilty again of the cowardice of such an unequal battle."—Exchange.

A Convenient Passum.
An old preacher gave as his text, "The tree is known by its fruit." "It hit de impossible ter shake de possum down."
After the benediction an old brother said to him:
"I never knowed befo' dat such a text wuz in de Bible."
"Well," admitted the preacher, "hit ain't 'xactly set down dataway. I allowed in de possum ter hit de intel' ligence or my congregation."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Great Man.
"Father," said little Billo, "what is a great man?"
"A great man," my son, is one who manages to gather about him a whole lot of assistants who will take the blame for his mistakes while he gets the credit for their good ideas."

The Danger of Soap.
When a man goes to choose thermal springs to "boil out" all the old Satan that is in him he quickly learns one of the more important lessons of life and civilization—that is, he acquires a supreme contempt for soap. When he takes his first tub, at 90 to 102 degrees, twenty minutes in the water to soak, the attendant gives him a terrible scrubbing, using a sharp soap and a loofa. After that first bath no more soap is used. The man continues to soak daily in water of the same temperature for twenty minutes and is rubbed with the loofa, but no soap. "Soap," the expert attendant will tell you, "clogs up the pores of the skin. Our object is to keep 'em open. We cure all diseases by giving the pores a chance to breathe and excrete." You have heard that? Wherefore? Because when you last washed them you neglected to rinse them thoroughly. You left the pores clogged with soap. Your complexion is sallow. Wherefore? You forgot to wash the soap off your cheeks. Hereafter, rinse, rinse, rinse. Keep on rinsing. Continue rinsing.

TABER WILL CELEBRATE Dominion Day

July 1st, 1909
BIG EVENT

Election Expenses

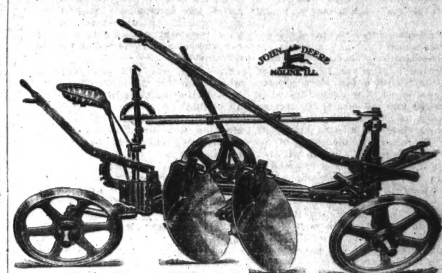
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF ARCHIBALD J. McLEAN

Expenses S. Keith to Bow Island	\$10 00
" " " Express on Posters	65
" " " Telegrams	75
W. D. Whitney, Team	4 00
S. M. Wing, Painting	15 00
Provincial Telephone Account	7 00
Taber Free Press Co., Printing	11 50
Expenses T. Hodgson	9 00
Expenses D. D. Jenkins to Grassy Lake and Bow Island	14 00
Expenses W. A. Aubin attending Nomination at Lethbridge, also expenses at Diamond City and Grassy Lake	12 80
E. C. Jones, Painting	6 60
D. J. Fraser, Furnishings for Committee Room	7 00
Frank Whitney, Team, Newlands	6 00
Expenses H. A. Hodgson to Bowville, etc.	32 00
Expenses S. J. Wing	12 00
Expenses Geo. W. Birch	10 00
Expenses A. Beck to Royal Collieries, Grassy Lake and Lethbridge	26 50
Expenses L. W. Hardy	17 00
Expenses Wm. Warnock	5 00
Expenses R. A. VanOrman	57 20
Expenses Alex. Campbell	15 00
Expenses T. Hodgson	9 00
Expenses E. B. Wildman	14 50
Livery A/c, Pierson Bros.	33 00
Expenses G. P. Porter	3 00
Expenses Thos. Anderson	2 00
Livery A/c, Connor's Barn	31 00
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A WALKING GALLOWS

The Horrible Deaths of Lieutenant Hepenstall.

HANGED MEN FROM HIS NECK

This Handsome but Brutal Giant of the Wicklow Militia Was the Most Cold Blooded and Eccentric Executioner That Has Ever Existed.

Among the examples and records of British tyranny during the terrible year 1798 there is none more extraordinary, according to a writer in an English magazine, than that of Lieutenant Edward Hepenstall, known by the nickname of "the walking gallows," for such he certainly was, literally and practically.

This notorious individual, who had been brought up as an apothecary in Dublin, obtained a commission in the Wicklow militia, in which he attained to the rank of lieutenant in 1795. He was a man of splendid physique, about six feet two inches in height and strong and broad in proportion. Referring to this handsome but brutal giant, Sir John Barrington in his memoirs writes:

"I knew him well and from his countenance should never have suspected him of cruelty, but so cold blooded and eccentric an executioner of the human race never yet existed."

At the outbreak of the sanguinary rebellion, when the common law was suspended and the stern martial variety furnished in this case, Lieutenant Hepenstall hit upon the expedient of hanging on his own back persons whose physiognomy he considered characteristic of rebellion. At the present day the story seems almost incredible, but it is a notorious fact, revealed by the journals of the period, that when rebels, either suspected or caught red handed, were brought before him Hepenstall would order the word of a dying man to be taken off and then, rigging up a military noose, would proceed to hang each in turn across his athletic shoulders until the victims had been slowly strangled to death, after which he would throw down his load and take up another.

The "walking gallows" was clearly both a new and simple plan and a mode of execution not nearly so tedious or painful as a Tyburn or guillotine hanging. It answered his majesty's service as well as two posts and a crowbar. When a rope was not at hand Hepenstall's own silk cravat, being softer than an ordinary rope, became a merciful substitute.

In pursuance of these benevolent intentions the lieutenant would frequently administer an anesthetic to his trembling victim—in other words, he would first knock him silly with a blow. His garters then did the duty as handcuffs, and the wretch would be slipped over the condemned man's neck.

Whenever he had an unusually powerful victim to do with, Hepenstall took a pride in showing his own strength. With a dexterous lunge of his body the lieutenant would throw the poor devil's head as high as his own and then, when both were cheek by jowl, begin to trot about with his burden like a jolting horse until the rebel had no further solicitude about sublimity affairs. It was after one of these trotting executions, which had taken place in the barracks yard adjoining Stephen's green, that Hepenstall acquired the surname of "the walking gallows." He was invested with it by the gallery of Crow Street theatre, Dublin.

At the trial of a rebel in that city the lieutenant, undergoing cross examination, admitted the aforementioned details of his method of hanging, and Lord Norbury, the presiding judge, warmly complimented him on his loyalty and assured him that he had been guilty of no act which was not natural to a zealous, loyal and efficient officer. Lieutenant Hepenstall, however, did not long survive his tedious practice. He died in 1804. Owing to the odium in which he was universally held, the authorities arranged that his funeral should take place secretly, while a Dublin wit suggested that his tombstone would be suitably inscribed by the following epitaph:

Here lie the bones of Hepenstall, Judge, Jury, gallows, rope and all.

A Slight Difference.
The gloze trader was telling about the wonders of India.

"The scenery in some portions of the country," he said, with enthusiasm, "is incomparable. Far, far away, the mountains pile up toward the sky, and stretching off to them are beautiful valleys, white close at hand you can get in sight of a man eating tiger."

"I beg your pardon," interrupted an eager listener, "but did you say inside of a man eating tiger or in sight of one?"

All Bound.
A citizen of culture and poetic taste sent to a public library and asked for Shelley's "Prometheus Bound."

He was rather taken aback when the librarian replied, with great hauteur: "We don't keep any unbound books in this library."

Missed It.
The prodigal son wrote the old man as follows: "I got religion the other day. Send me \$10." But the old man replied: "Religion is free. You got it wrong kind."

The best part of beauty is that which no mirror can express.—Bacon.

WEIGHT OF A HORSE.

Bad Guesses Made by Men Unskilled in Horsemanship.

Many people, even among those who frequently make use of horses, have little idea what an ordinary horse weighs and would have much difficulty to guess whether a given animal stood before their eyes weighed 500 or 1,500 pounds. Yet they would have no such difficulty with a man and probably be able to guess, especially if they were good Europeans, within ten or twenty pounds of his weight. The governments of Europe have long been purchasing and weighing horses for the military service and transferring them from carriage or draft employment to the various branches of cavalry and artillery. The animals are ordinarily assigned according to weight. The French military authorities find that an ordinary light carriage or riding horse, such as in the United States would be called a "good little heavy horse," weighs from 300 to 400 kilograms—say, from 800 to 900 pounds. Such horses as these are assigned to the light cavalry corps. The next grade above, which in civil life passes as a "coupe horse," or carriage horse of medium weight, ranges in weight up to 450 kilograms, or about 1,000 pounds. This horse goes to help mount the cavalry of the line.

Next come the fashionable "coach horses" of persons of luxury, which weigh from 500 to 580 kilograms, or from 1,000 to nearly 1,300 pounds. These horses go to serve the purpose of the heavy cavalry, which belong to the reserve military forces. Above these there are still two grades of heavy horses. The first are those used for heavy work, such as pulling, and are commonly found drawing the omnibuses of Paris where such vehicles are still in use. These weigh from 1,000 to 1,500 kilograms, or from 2,000 to 3,000 pounds. The heaviest of these horses are the Clydesdales and Percherons, which are often in size and strength and which weigh from 600 to 800 kilograms, or from 1,200 to 1,800 pounds. Some of these Percherons of the heaviest weight are used in the military service, but some of the lighter ones are employed for carriage and artillery purposes.

AIDED HER RIVAL

Romance of a London Society Leader and a Diamond Necklace.

The jewelers of Bond street could if they liked tell many an amusing story. There is no need to dilate on the fascination which scintillating gems exercise upon the feminine mind. That fascination is a fact and may serve to explain recently and probably still exists between two well known society leaders. One of them a highly placed official of the diamond trade, the other a woman of high social position, who has recently purchased a diamond necklace. Knowing that the lady possessed more than a superficial knowledge of the value of stones, he sought to impress upon her the value of the gift. The price he was prepared to give was £1,500. The lady jumped to the conclusion that such a request could have but one meaning—viz, that she herself was to be the eventual recipient of the gift. She thereupon visited the jeweler, and inspected his stock, but at the price she was empowered to give saw nothing that particularly took her fancy. A fascinating piece of workmanship, however, did attract her, the price of which was 3,000 guineas. The desire to possess it became irresistible. She arranged with the jeweler to send the necklace to the purchaser and invoice it to him at the agreed upon price, while she gave her own check for the balance. Then she went home and awaited the arrival of the gift. Some days passed, but there was no appearance of the necklace. A terrible doubt which assailed her became actually a day or two later when she saw the identical necklace he had led her to pay for sparkling on the neck of a younger and more beautiful rival—Grand Magazine.

His Harmless Candidate.

A Georgian farmer posted this sign on his front gate:

"Candidates Will Pass On. No Time to Talk to 'Em."
One morning his little boy shouted out the garden wall:

"There's one of them candidates over there, and he says he'll come in any day!"

The man looked toward the gate and said:

"Let him in. There's no harm in him knowing him. He's been runnin' ever since the war, jest to be a rascal. It was in his blood, an' he can't help it."

Explanations In Order.

A man whose wife was extremely jealous planned a pleasant surprise for her in the form of a trip to New York. "The Merry Widow" and wrote a friend in the city to let him know the earliest date for which he could secure seats. The next day when he was away from home the following telegram was delivered there, addressed to him, but opened by his wife:

"Nothing doing with the widow until the 10th. Will that suit you?"

Explanations were demanded.

As to a Courtship.
"He's telling everybody that she is his first love."

"And she?"
"No," replied Mr. Wynn mournfully, "a loss."

Objectively Considered.

Rattles—What horsepower is your new automobile? Rattle—Two, I guess. That's the horsepower it took to haul it in the repair shop when it broke down on a country road the other day.

PARIS CABBIES.

The War of Words That Comes When They Block Each Other.

There is no more entertaining way to spend an idle hour in Paris than to get into a taxicab and instruct the driver to go along some street where you will be reasonably sure to get into a jam or to bump against another cab. The charm of this exercise is, of course, enhanced by your ignorance of what the cabbies say.

Should your driver merely graze the wheels of another cab he will turn on his seat and yell mellancholically at the other driver, who in turn will shout back an assortment of vowels. But the best is a quarrel between two cabbies obstructing each other's way. The conversation, translated as nearly literally as is safe, goes in this wise:

"Sacred name! Why do you?"
"Holy blue! I do not!"

"Stomach on the ground! You have the face of an ox!"

"Blue stomach! Are you in chains?"
"A blas! Name of a dog!"

"Mon Dieu! Name of a pig!"
"Wow or words to that effect!"

Name of a name! Name of a name of a name!"

Now you begin to expect some do-lugs. While you are not fully understood, you are satisfied that nothing but pistols and knives will wipe out the insults.

Unfortunately about this time the jam is untangled and you are allowed to drive away, but the other driver yells after you:

"Ah! you are a little piece of brown soap!"

It seems that this expression is the "fighting name" in Paris. Were it not that you could only say a duty to you and must convey you to your destination you know by his facial expression that he would climb down and get that other fellow and muss up the city with him.

He contents himself with turning about and making a face in the direction of his enemy and of going through the motions of spitting at him.

Then he says "Yoo!" to the horse, and the war is over.

THATCHING.

The Ancient Art in the Low Countries and in England.

Once upon a time two amateur botanists were hunting bog mosses on Emsmoor, on the confines of the land of Flanders. About the hour of luncheon they found that their enthusiasm had led them far afield. A good hour and a half from the farmhouse which they had made their temporary headquarters. The only place which yielded promise of food was a sheep which was half a mile distant. So thither they went. That the stock, or rather, its owner, a small, dark man with curly hair, could offer nothing better than brown bread which was woefully "cilt," or heavy, and raw onions is neither here nor there. The point was that the roof of the shack was artistically thatched with layers of plaited reeds.

"Feather taught it the way to do it," explained the shepherd, with an air of self-importance toward the roof. "An' his feather taught 'im avore that, an' his feather avore that, an' back an' back till nobody can think."

"A hereditary art evidently," said one of the moss hunters to his companion. "But I never see thatches like these outside of the Low Countries. Safe bet that this fellow is of Dutch descent." Then he said to the man of Devon, "And what is your name, may I ask?"

"Well," replied the shepherd, "most folk call 'im Van, but his right name is Henry Van Topp. They do say that 'im gurt-grandfather were avittin' against England an' were took prisoner, an' married a Devon girl an' set 'em avittin'—he indicated the southward sweep of the moss—"but these be 'ot of voolish tales to na think in!"—Craftsmen.

A Town of Mice.

Scotsmen are remarkably successful as colonists. They are also very clean. There are many prosperous settlements in Greater Britain where Scotchmen largely predominate, but the names of these localities do not carry that fact on their face. Nobody, however, can be mistaken as to the prevailing nationality in "Macville." This is a town in the Cobalt district of Nova Scotia. They will be perfectly safe in asserting anybody there thus: "I say, Mac."—London Chronicle.

In the Depths of the Sea.

The quantity of light emitted by many minute deep sea animals is so great as to supply over definite areas of the bottom. This is the case with the lantern fish, which is able to render visible the colors of the animals themselves. Some cephalopods are furnished with apparatus which reflects the light from the phosphorescent bodies upon the sea bottom over which they float. This reflecting apparatus is spoken of as "an efficient battery lantern for use in hunting through the abysmal darkness."

The Contrary.

"I dropped some money in the market today," announced Mr. Wynn at the dinner table.

"Again?" exclaimed Mrs. Wynn reproachfully.

"No," replied Mr. Wynn mournfully, "a loss."

Objectively Considered.

Rattles—What horsepower is your new automobile? Rattle—Two, I guess. That's the horsepower it took to haul it in the repair shop when it broke down on a country road the other day.

A WAR TRAGEDY.

Pathetic Incident at the Siege of Port Hudson.

At the siege at Port Hudson, La., there was one gun commanded by Alphonse Dubreuil. He was a young sugar planter who had opposed secession, but maintained that if Louisiana seceded he would go with its state. Dr. Chateaud, his neighbor, was a violent secessionist, and Dubreuil and the doctor's daughter Amelia were lovers.

Louisiana seceded. Alphonse raised a company and proved so brave a Confederate that the doctor, who had opposed his daughter's marriage, readily consented, and the pair were married. His bride was accorded special permission to go into the bomb proofs of the fort, where in comparative safety she could be near her husband. There she saw him operating his enormous gun, but her heart was torn with fear for his safety. Suddenly she became excited by the noise of firing and rushing out from her place of safety, was struck by a piece of shell and fell back lifeless. Dubreuil ran to her side, saw death in her face and went back bravely to his gun.

The next morning was beautiful, and the sun shone gloriously. There was cessation of hostilities but the dead might be buried. Thus engaged, a request came from the enemy to allow the body of a young lady to pass through our lines. It was granted. The little cortege came, preceded by a military band playing a mournful dirge, and halted at the outpost. The old musketry box used as a bier was accompanied by two ladies and several officers. One of the latter, a handsome young fellow with long hair, walked calmly and slowly, but his face betrayed the greatest grief. A detail of Confederate privates acted as pallbearers. Our men uncovered their heads.

All were blindfolded and led through our lines to the steamboat. They bade a last adieu to the dead bier and returned blindfolded.

It was the next night I ever saw—G. N. Saussy in Spare Moments.

ASLEEP UNDER WATER.

One of the Funny Incidents Possible in a Diver's Life.

As showing how much at home a man may be today under water I may relate an amusing story. Some months ago while a great bathship was at Malta one of the swimmers went down to clear her propeller from some fishman that had become entangled, and he failed to come up. It chanced that the rest of the bathship's divers were ashore, and grave concern was felt on the frondal for the missing worker. Signals by telephone and life preserver failed to elicit any answer. The launch above the throbbing of the air pump's cylinders went on, but the attendants looked at one another in dismay, fearing some strange tragedy deep down in those heaving green seas.

The worst was feared when some of the crew on shore saw some bubbles rising to the surface, and thereupon the navigating lieutenant sent ashore an urgent message for one of the other divers. The fellow contented on board, dressed immediately and went below, only to come up full of indignation.

"Why, that fellow's been asleep all this time!" he said wrathfully. "It was true. The man had just had his lunch, and finding the work much less serious than he had thought, he finished it in a few minutes and then sat comfortably on one of the giant blades of the battleship propeller and went to sleep with inquisitive fishes swimming around him, attracted by the dazzling searchlight on his breast. The officers were so amused at the occurrence that no punishment was inflicted on the lazy one—St. Nicholas.

The Kind of Boy He Was.

That Marshall Field of Chicago knew how to win victory from defeat and make stepping stones of stumbling blocks is shown by the following story told of him by a friend:

When a boy young Field went to a great merchant and asked, "Do you want a boy?" "Nobody wants a boy," replied the merchant. "Do you need a boy?" the boy persisted. "Not at all," replied the merchant. "Nobody needs a boy," was the reply. But he would not give up. "Well, say, mister, do you have to have a boy?" "I think likely we do," replied the merchant, "and I rather think we will have to have a boy just like you."

Some Few Escaped.

"Oh, John," whimpered the wife as she seized the morning paper, "see what that editor has done with the account of our musicale! He has placed it alongside the column of death notices. It's a shame. And we had such prominent people as guests too."

"I suppose," said the husband wearily, "that the editor wishes to call attention to the fact that some people are more fortunate than others."

A Doubtful Proposition.

"Should a man go to college after fifty?"

"Well, he might pass muster at tennis," answered the expert. "But a man can't expect to do much in baseball or football at that age."

No Change.

"Do you think the world is growing worse?"

"Dunno as 'tis," responded the old man. "They're tellin' the very fish stories I heard when I was a boy."

Had we not faults of our own we should take less pleasure in complaining of others.—Penelope.

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